

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 21 December 2015

Subject: Tobacco Investments

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report introduces information relating to a request for scrutiny received by Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) and considered at its meeting on 20 October 2015.
2. In line with the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, these details are being shared as they may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.

Recommendation

3. Members are requested to consider the information presented and determine any further joint scrutiny actions or activity.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report introduces information relating to a request for scrutiny received by Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) and considered at its meeting on 20 October 2015.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 For the past 18 month, the Health Scrutiny Chairs of the five West Yorkshire Authorities have periodically met on an informal basis focusing on the establishment and progress of the Health Futures Programme. Urgent and Emergency Care is one of the priority areas of work identified within the Health Futures Programme.

- 2.2 A West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has now been established and draws its membership from the five constituent West Yorkshire local authorities.

- 2.3 The Joint Committee has the following roles and functions:

- To scrutinise any proposed service configuration with West Yorkshire-wide implications and its impact on patients and the public when constituent Councils have delegated these powers to the West Yorkshire Health Scrutiny Committee.
- To meet regularly with NHS England to:
 - Receive updates on national developments and other matters from NHS England
 - To inform NHS England of common issues arising at the five West Yorkshire health scrutiny committees.
- To receive information on service proposals and other matters from West Yorkshire Commissioning Collaborative (known as 10CC)
- To share information on health issues from each of the local authority areas that may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.
- To undertake shared development activities from time to time.

- 2.4 The request for scrutiny attached to this report were previously presented to a meeting of Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) at its meeting on 20 October 2015. In line with the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, these details are being shared as they may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.

3.0 Main issues

- 3.1 In October 2015, Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) received a request for scrutiny relating to tobacco investments. The request is attached at Appendix 1.

- 3.2 This request for scrutiny was considered by Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) at its meeting on 20 October 2015.
- 3.3 Key areas of discussion from that meeting included:
- The investment decision-making processes for the West Yorkshire Pension Authority and the Council's role in such processes.
 - The wider issues associated with ethical/ moral investments.
 - The potential role of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee currently being established.
 - The role/ involvement of other Council Scrutiny Boards, in particular Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) in examining wider issues around pension fund investments.
- 3.4 In summarising the discussion, the Chair outlined that the Scrutiny Board was in favour of taking some action that was likely to involve the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources). It was further outlined that this would necessarily include some further discussions and advice on the most appropriate way forward.
- 3.5 The Scrutiny Board agreed that the Chair should take the matter forward as outlined and provide an update to the Scrutiny Board at a future meeting.
- 3.6 In line with the above resolutions and the terms of reference for the Joint Committee, the attached details are being shared as they may have an impact on the other local authority areas within West Yorkshire.
- 3.7 No other representatives have been invited to attend the meeting for this item.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the information presented and determine any further joint scrutiny actions or activity.

5.0 Background documents¹

- 5.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.